

# ANGLICAN CHURCH OF FREIBURG

## MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY OCTOBER 2, 2022

### SILENT PREPARATION

### PRELUDE

### OPENING PRAYER

Open up our hearts and we will explore possibilities we've not known before.  
Letting others in, giving like you give, daily living out your word.

Open up our hearts, make it one with yours

Open up our lives, Holy Spirit come.  
Have your way with us, let your will be done.

This is what we know, every breath we owe, testimony to your word.  
Open up our lives, Lord, our lives are yours.

### GREETING

We gather this morning by the oasis at God's invitation.  
In God we know that all are welcome...

All means all.

Yet in our hearts we know we do not follow these words.  
The compassionate Jesus reveals that all means all...

All are welcome.

It is not for us to decide who receives God's generosity.  
The Spirit empowers us to show that all are welcome...

All means all.

## OPENING HYMN

SOF 393 MORNING HAS BROKEN

## PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION

L:

In my distress I cry to you, O God, that you may answer me. Have mercy on me, save me from my endless greed, my deadly neglect, my lack of creative engagement.

**Lord for Mercy we Pray**

L: I have not resembled Abel's righteousness nor offered you acceptable gifts. I haven't brought you divine actions, a pure sacrifice, or an unblemished life.

Like Cain, I have offered you foul deeds, defective sacrifice and a useless life.

**Lord for Mercy we Pray**

L: I have seen your children seeking safety and peace, yet I have not heard their plea. I have built walls and camps and offered no hospitality, and I have left my siblings to die and starve outside.

**Lord for Mercy we Pray**

L: I have abused and destroyed the land for my own wealth. I have seen what I have done to your Creation yet I have not repented nor changed my ways.

**Lord for Mercy we Pray**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Gracious God, you love all your children, as parents do. You made Jesus our brother who shares our life.

But we are unable to look at one another as siblings, bound together in your love.

**Lord, forgive us**

L: Have mercy on those who have to leave their homes due to climate change and its consequences, conflicts, war and its repercussions, while others refuse to change their excessive lifestyles and violent ways.

**Lord, forgive us**

L: Have mercy on those who lack the necessities of life, while others live in abundance, unwilling to share their resources.

**Lord, forgive us**

L: Have mercy on those of us who don't care for the needs of others.

Liberate them from their selfishness, open our minds and hearts to show mercy. Jesus showed us how to love—help us to do likewise.

**Lord, forgive us**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

By faith  
I gaze up to the heavens  
and know  
within its vastness  
that this is your creation  
planned and effected within eternity

We Thank you O Lord

By faith  
I pluck an ear of corn  
and know  
within its symmetry  
lies the chemistry of life  
the potential of creation within my hand

We Thank you O Lord

By faith  
I listen for your voice  
and know  
the whisper that I hear  
breathed a world into existence  
yet listens to the prayer within my soul

We Thank you O Lord

By faith  
I strive to do your will  
and know  
the door that I approach

may lead me to shadows  
where my role is to become your light

We Thank you O Lord

By faith  
I cling to your word  
and know  
the strength that I receive  
has its source within the love  
that is at the centre of all things

We Thank you O Lord

## COLLECT

Lord of creation,  
whose glory is around and within us:  
open our eyes to your wonders,  
that we may serve you with reverence  
and know your peace at our lives' end,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

*Collect for Harvest Festival*

Eternal God,  
you crown the year with your goodness  
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:  
grant that we may use them to your glory,  
for the relief of those in need  
and for our own well-being;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## COLLECT ON GERMAN UNIFICATION DAY

God of all Life

We thank you because you break down walls that divide

And bring your people together

Bless this Nation United

Heal the Wounds of Division

And help us strive for greater integration

And warmer welcoming of each other

This we pray through Jesus our Lord

Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit

One God, world without end

**Amen**

## PSALM 137

1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, ♦  
when we remembered Zion.

2 As for our lyres, we hung them up ♦  
on the willows that grow in that land.

3 For there our captors asked for a song,  
our tormentors called for mirth: ♦  
'Sing us one of the songs of Zion.'

4 How shall we sing the Lord's song ♦  
in a strange land?

5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, ♦  
let my right hand forget its skill.

6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth  
if I do not remember you, ♦  
if I set not Jerusalem above my highest joy.

7 Remember, O Lord, against the people of Edom  
the day of Jerusalem, ♦  
how they said, 'Down with it,  
down with it, even to the ground.'

8 O daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, ♦  
happy the one who repays you  
for all you have done to us;

9 Who takes your little ones, ♦

and dashes them against the rock.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen

## FIRST READING

2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14

Let us prepare ourselves for the word of God

**Our hearts and our minds are open**

Salutation

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thanksgiving and Encouragement

<sup>3</sup> I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup> Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup> for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

This is the word of the Lord.



**Thanks be to God.**

## THE LANTERN FOR THE CHILDREN'S CHURCH

ACF 59 - I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS

### THE GRADUAL HYMN

### THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a<sup>[a]</sup> mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THE HOMILY

### HYMN AFTER HOMILY

ACF 112 THANK YOU

## THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### SHARING OF PEACE

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. cf Galatians 5.22,23

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
and also with you

### CLOSING HYMN/ OFFERTORY

ACF 89 MY (OUR) GOD IS SO BIG

### BENEDICTION

May the Lord open your eyes to see within the seed trees  
Within the glowing eggs birds

Within the shroud butterflies

And taught by such may we see the Almighty

And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us  
today and remain with us always

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,  
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Acknowledgement

Oasis of Peace: The WCC 11<sup>th</sup> Assembly Worship Resources

<https://www.frsimon.uk/harvest-festival-almost-complete-liturgy/>